

## **December 2010 Activities at Gulf Islands National Seashore**

### **Friday December 3, Marine Debris Activities – 3:30 p.m.**

Join a ranger after school on Friday, Dec. 3 for hands-on marine debris activities. Learn more about our impacts to wildlife and the marine environment and ways you can help. This 45-minute program begins at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

### **Sunday, December 12, Orienteering – 2:00 p.m.**

Begin your one hour orienteering adventure with a ranger in the Davis Bayou picnic area! Meet at Pavilion #1 to learn land navigation and orienteering skills. Gain experience using a map and compass; then apply that knowledge to the established orienteering course. Best suited for ages 8 and up.

### **December 18, Recycled Christmas Ornaments– 10:00 a.m.**

Bring the family and create Victorian-influenced Christmas ornaments and help the environment at the same time! Using recycled, re-used, and found items, visitors will construct their own unique creation to hang on their tree or to give away. Materials are provided but feel free to bring bottle caps, jar lids, old magazines, or natural items from home. Meet at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center.

### **Sunday, December 26, Marsh Discovery Walk - 2:00 pm**

Join a park ranger to explore the marshes of Davis Bayou during this easy one hour walk. The salt marsh is home for many species of animals and plants. Learn how marsh grasses provide the foundation for the salt marsh food web and how animals have adapted to this challenging environment. Meet at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center.

**★ All programs are free of charge ★**

The William M. Colmer Visitor Center is located at Gulf Islands National Seashore, just off Highway 90 in Ocean Springs. Look for our signs at the park entrance. For more information, call 228-875-9057 ext. 4100 or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis).